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SUBJECT: PRE-32ND UNGA CONSULTATIONS: UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

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1. IN PAST FOUR DAYS CHARGE MET SEPARATELY WITH MFA
DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS YA'QUB AL-KINDI AND,
AT HIS SUGGESTION, WITH DIRECTOR OF UN AFFAIRS ISA
FARAJ TO REVIEW ISSUES OF IMPORATNCE EXPECTED TO BE
RAISED DURING FORTHCOMING UNGA. TAILORING HIS PRE-
SENTATION TO FOCUS ON THOSE ISSUES OF MOST INTEREST
HERE, CHARGE OUTLINED US VIEWS ON MIDDLE EAST, SOUTHERN
AFRICA, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND CIEC, PLUS PUERTO RICO/GUAM, DRAWING
ON GUIDANCE CONTAINED REFTEL AND LEAVING WITH KINDI AIDE-MEMOIRES
BASED ON TALKING POINTS FOR EACH OF THESE SUBJECTS. CHARGE
TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON ISSUE OF CYPRUS WITH KINDI AND ON NUF AND UN
MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET ISSUES WITH FARAJ, BUT NO AIDE-MEMOIRES LEFT
ON THESE SUBJECTS. KOREA, DECADE AGAINST RACISM,
UNRESTRUCTURING, AND ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF NORTH-
SOUTH ECONOMIC ISSUES DID NOT ARISE. MORE SIGNIFICANT
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REACTIONS FOLLOW.

2. MIDDLE EAST. CHARGE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF AVOIDING
IN UNSC OR UNGA TABLING OF RESOLUTIONS OR ENGAGEMENT
IN ACRIMONIOUS DEBATE THAT COULD HAVE AFFECT OF
HARDENING POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES AND MAKING MORE
DIFFICULT USG TASK OF NARROWING EXISTING DIFFERENCES.

FARAJ TOOK NOTE OF THIS POINT, THEN EXPLAINED THAT UAEG POSITION WOULD AS ALWAYS BE GUIDED BY CONSENSUS OF ARAB BLOC. ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS ARE CURRENTLY MEETING IN CAIRO TO DISCUSS INTER ALIA WHAT APPROACH TO TAKE TO MIDEAST QUESTIONS AT UNGA. CHARGE POINTED OUT THAT FOCUS OF WORLD EFFORT SHOULD NOW BE DIRECTED TOWARD RECONVENING GENEVA CONFERENCE AND REITERATED USG HOPE THAT SPEECHES AND RESOLUTIONS CAN BE AVOIDED IN UNGA THAT WOULD MAKE THESE EFFORTS MORE DIFFICULT.

3. SOUTHERN AFRICA. HAVING ALREADY BRIEFED KINDI ON US-UK RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS, CHARGE POINTED OUT IMPORATNCE OF NOT MARRING THIS AND OTHER ONGOING NEGOTIATION EFFORTS RE SOUTHERN AFRICA BY PRESSING WITH UNGA FOR UNREALISTIC OR ACRIMONIOUS RESOLUTIONS. FARAJ, WHO PAYS SPECIAL ATTENTION TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES WITHIN MFA, NOTED IMPOR- TANCE OF FORWARD MOTION ON THESE ISSUES. HE AGREED WITH CHARTE THAT SOME PROGRESS HAS BEEN RECORDED ON NAMIBIA BUT SAW LITTLE LIKELIHOOD FOR EARLY MOVEMENT ON APARTHEID. DID FEEL HOWEVER THAT IF ZAMBABWE AND NAMIBIA COULD ACHIEVE RELATIVELY SMOOTH TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE ("LIKE ZAMBIA"), SOUTH AFRIKAANERS MIGHT BE MORE WILLING TO MITIGATE PRESENT DISCRIMI- NATORY SYSTEM SO AS TO ASSURE GOOD RELATIONS WITH INDEPENDENT NEIGHBORS.
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4. DISARMAMENT. HAVING NOTICED LOCAL PRESS REPORT SUGGESTING THAT VARIOUS ASPECTS OF DISARMAMENT MIGHT BE HIGH ON LIST OF UAE CONCERNS AT UNGA, CHARGE ASKED FARAJ ABOUT THIS. HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH PRESS REPORT NOR WITH DISARMAMENT ISSUES. CHARGE POINTED OUT THAT USG FELT MOST OF THESE COULD BE CONVENI- ENTLY LEFT TO SSOD NEXT SPRING FOR DISCUSSION. AS FOR SOVIET-PROPOSED NUF, CHARGE LISTED REASONS WHY USG FELT THIS BOTH REDUNDANT AND POTENTIALLY DISTRACTIVE ISSUE. FARAJ DID NOT DEMUR.

5. PUERTO RICO. FARAJ, WHO LIVED UNTIL RECENTLY IN CANADA, INDICATED SOME FAMILIARITY WITH PR QUESTION AND ASKED WHY ELEMENTS THERE WERE PRESSING FOR INDE- PENDENCE. CHARGE EXPLAINED THAT ONLY SMALL MINORITY FAVORED INDEPENDENCE WITH MAJORITY PR PEOPLE SPLIT BETWEEN SUPPORTERS OF STATEHOOD AND THOSE FAVORING CONTINUED COMMONWEALTH STATUS. ADDED THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD ASSURED PR THEY CAN HAVE WHATEVER STATUS MAJORITY DESIRES. ASKED WHY IN PAST UAE HAD FELT OBLIGED TO VOTE AGAINST US ON PR RESOLUTIONS, FARAJ

LAMELY ACKNOWLEDGED POWER OF AFRO-ARAB PEER GROUP PRESSURES. CHARGE COMMENTED THAT THIS TENDENCY WAS HAVING UNFORTUNATE AFFECT UPON SUPPORT WITHIN US FOR VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

6. ILO. THIS REMARK LED FARAJ TO INQUIRE CURRENT STATUS OF US POSITION RE REMAINING WITHIN ILO. CHARGE SAID THIS POSITION STILL UNDER REVIEW. HOWEVER, EVENTS AT LATEST INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE (WHICH CHARGE BRIEFLY SUMMARIZED) HAD LEFT USG UNCERTAIN WHETHER MAJORITY OF ILO MEMBERS REALLY DO WISH TO MOVE AWAY FROM IRRELEVANT POLITICAL ISSUES AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND BACK TOWARD PROPER OBSERVATION OF ESTABLISHED ILO PROCEDURES AND SAFEGUARDS. CONFIDENTIAL

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CHARGE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT BETWEEN NOW AND NOVEMBER 5 UAE AND OTHER CONCERNED ILO MEMBERS MIGHT FIND WAYS TO INDICATE THEY TOO SHARE THESE CONCERNS AND WILL WORK FOR CHANGES IN ILO.

7. UN MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. FARAJ SAID UAE AND OTHER OPEC MEMBERS WERE CONCERNED ABOUT RECOMMENDED INCREASE IN SCALE OF THEIR ASSESSMENT. CHARGE USED THIS POINT TO UNDERSCORE IMPORTANCE USG SEES OF SOUND FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ON PART OF UN AND ITS AGENCIES, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO PRUNING LOW PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND CONFERENCES TO KEEP DOWN COSTS. FARAJ INDICATED THAT UAE TOO IS CONCERNED ABOUT RISING UN BUDGETARY EXPENSES AND WOULD WELCOME WAYS TO KEEP THESE DOWN.

8. COMMENT: ON WHOLE, MFA STAFF GAVE IMPRESSION OF NOT YET HAVING DONE MUCH HOMEWORK ON ISSUES EXPECTED TO ARISE IN 32ND UNGA WITH EXCEPTION OF OBVIOUS ONES LIKE MIDEAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA. FULL UNGA DELEGATION HAS YET TO BE NAMED AND ABSENCE FROM UAE OF TOP TWO MFA OFFICIALS SUWAIDI AND SAIF GHUBBASH HAS PROBABLY NOT HELPED PROCESS OF PULLING TOGETHER UAE POSITION PAPERS ON UNGA ISSUES. IN ANY EVENT NORMAL UAE PRACTICE IS TO BE GUIDED BY CONSENSUS OF OTHER ARABS, AND SPECIFICALLY BY SAUDI ARABIA, WITH WHICH SHAYKH ZAYID CONTINUES TO FAVOR CLOSE CONSULTATION ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

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